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## Meeting Notice

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### **New health disparities action plan the focus of council and public discussion**

*Thursday, May 12, Thurston County Fair Grounds, Heritage Hall, Olympia*

The Governor's Interagency Council on Health Disparities will hear public comments and hold a discussion to select new priorities for its next State Action Plan to Eliminate Health Disparities.

On Thursday the council will also receive an update on its State Partnership Grant from the federal Office of Minority Health and will discuss the selection of a vice chair.

The term "health disparities" describes the higher rates of disease, disability, and death among certain groups when compared to the general population. Serious disparities among racial/ethnic groups in Washington are well documented.

The council meets Thursday, May 12, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:40 p.m. at the Thurston County Fairgrounds, Heritage Hall, 3054 Carpenter Road SE, Olympia. The meeting is open and the public is invited to provide comments at 9:40 a.m.

More information is available on the [Health Disparities Council website](http://www.healthequity.wa.gov)

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